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For: INK-JET APPARATUS EMPLOYING

INK-JET HEAD HAVING A
PLURALITY OF INK EJECTION
HEATERS CORRESPONDING TO

EACH INK EJECTION OPENING

November 14, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Approved or Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS AND TRANSMITTAL OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS

Enclosed, in accordance with Patent and Trademark Office practice, are duplicate copies of proposed drawing changes as shown in red to Figure 1, 3, 29 and 42. Specifically, in Figure 1, reference numeral 111 has been deleted; in Figure 3, reference numerals 51, 54, 54A, 55, and 57-61 have been deleted; in Figure 29, "PRE-HEAD" has been changed to --PRE-HEAT--; and in Figure 42, "FOR" has been changed to --TO-- in step S363 and "REGION" has been changed to --REGIONS-- in step S364. These changes were proposed in the Requests for Approval to Make Drawing Changes filed January 8 and October 14, 1998, in parent Application No. 08/579,241, and were subsequently approved by the Examiner. The proposed changes add no new matter.

Hpplicants are also submitting herewith are four (4) sheets of corrected formal drawings reflecting the proposed changes. Favorable consideration is requested.

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